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Application No. 10/710,716

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Applicant: Ryan M. Hurlbutt

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Diaphragm Backing Plate

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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.